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Remember the Helen Coleman
company repeat Buffalo Bill to-night
at the Town Hall. Last night it was
greeted with delight by those present.
(Go and see it.—[Northern Tribune].)

Messrs. S. Hatt and D. Connell
of Pere Cheney, came up on business
last Saturday, and took in the show at
the same time. It's a good time that
shoots two birds to wunst.

We learn that Mr. and Mrs. Chas
Wilson are soon expected in these parts
to rusticate and recuperate, visit and
chat, do this and that, as their fancy
leads them, during the rest of the summer.

Mr. Chas. Homer, of Chesaning,
well known to our citizens, having pre-
viously lived in this place, was shot in
the face while assisting to quell a riot
at a bawdry dance in Chesaning, on
the 7th inst., between a lot of show-
man and the dancers.

The County Clerk has returned to
Grayling and resumed his official
duties and can be found recording instru-
ments till you can't rest, and will
soon be able to jine the band.

Buffalo Bill is said to be the best
play ever presented in Cheboygan, and we
unhesitatingly assert that the "Widow Bedot" is most decidedly the
best play ever produced in Grayling, and that it "afforded us most unmiti-
gated pleasure."

Mr. Hans Mason, a teamster em-
ployed in one of Hanson's lumber
camps, successfully loaded and put-in
to the Manistee one day last week 2,400
feet of logs on wheels at one load.
Beat it.

Miss Minnie Donahue departed this
place on Monday for Lennon, Genesee
county, which to be her future address
until further orders, and where an AVALANCHE will greet her about
once a week.

Rev. N. J. Wheeler, (Baptist) of
Kalamazoo, preached very acceptably
at the Hall, on Sunday evening last.
The elder was here a week, for the ex-
press purpose of sporting on the Au-
Sable, and as to how he enjoyed it, we
refer you to his article in this issue
under the caption of Grayling Fishing.

Portage lake, some 3 miles west of
Grayling, is becoming quite a pleasure
spot, being daily frequented by tourists
and others bent on fishing and pleasure
trips, and will may they do so, too, as
it is a charming place—one calculated
to inspire the visitor with feelings of
pleasure and satisfaction.

Now, since there is a reporter in
every corner, will not people have to
be careful how they gossip about their
neighbors, and borrow and not return?
It is thought that that bairn which be-
longs to W. D. Tarbell's cultivator
will be returned soon, as that gentle-
man cannot use it unless it is. Who's
got it?

F. Lumbard's Popular Concert
Troupe, which has become familiar to
our citizens, having been in these parts
several times previously, gave an ex-
cellent entertainment at the Grayling
Hall on Saturday evening last, which was
largely patronized and loudly ap-
plauded, and said to be much superior
to any previous performance of theirs
witnessed here.

Mr. Henry Filley and crew are
putting the finishing touches on the
new bridge in Grove township this
week, and now all that remains to be
done is to render the road passable, is the necessary
grading of the hill on the south side of
the river. The bridge looks to be a
substantial structure and speaks well
for the mechanic, Mr. Filley, who con-
ceived it so successfully through to
completion.

The next time we visit Portage
lake we are going to hire a guide and
examine that hole in the water made
by that young lad friend of ours last
Sunday, as it's said to have been a tre-
mendous big one, and well worth the
while; but what a pity she didn't fetch
up some relic of the deep. She must
have been in an awful hurry?

M. S. Hartwick took a small trip
with the Co. Clerk on Monday last,
and while waiting lunch at the hospitable
manor of Mr. Jacob Steckert, in
South Branch, waded around in about
the finest field of clover he ever saw,
and which stood nearly waist high, and
very even and nice throughout the entire
field of 11 acres. This field is ex-
pected to be mown soon, and is said to
be the finest piece of clover in the country.

DENTISTRY. Dr. F. F. Thatcher,
of the firm of Nichols & Thatcher,
Bay City Dentists, will be in Grayling
Friday, June 10th, and remain one
week, prepared to do any manner of dental
work. The Dr. is a thorough, practical
dentist, as our people well know, he having been here profes-
sionally some few weeks since, at which time he had good patronage with very
satisfactory results; therefore, all who have teeth to need of doctoring in any way shape or manner, will do well to consult the Dr. on his arrival.

Correspondence.
Grayling Fishing.
After one of his most celebrated bat-
ties, Caesar sent back to the Roman
Senate this laconic message, which has
added to his fame even more than the
victory which it recorded: "Veni, vidi,
vici." The first pictorial party down the
Au Sable this season can adopt his
language, each one exclaiming with not
a little of his exultation, "I came, I
saw, I conquered." And this is applic-
able not only to the gayne grayling,
vigorously contending against capture,
but also to the beligerant mosquitoes,
which just now seem to claim special
jurisdiction in the forests, and to be en-
gaged toward those who presume to in-
vade their realm; or else they regard
themselves as the appointed protectors
of grayling, and willingly risk their own
lives in fulfilling their trust. And may
we not here have an answer to the
question that has often perplexed suf-
fering victims of their assaults, "For
what good purpose were mosquitoes made?" Here, at least, they are de-
ferring the extermination of a fish that
for gaminess, beauty and flavor have
few equals and no superiors. In places
where there are no such beauties
to protect, their object may be to com-
pel the lazy to healthful exercise, to

punish the wicked, and to try the pa-
tience of the saints. But not to phi-
losophize about these creatures that
have tested the metal of the greatest
philosophers, we will simply say that
they have found their flying dragoons innum-
erable, each one's weapon sharpened for
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THE BOSTON GIRL.

BY DAVID A. KOSTER.

I told her of a maid whose mind Was filled with tender thoughts and fancies, A lovely being of the kind They write about in old romances. "Knowest thou," said I, "this maiden fair, Whose beauty doth my thoughts beguile?" She answered with a dreamy air,

"Well, I should smile!"

"Her cheeks possess the rose's hue, No form is daintier incomparable, No hair so brown, no eyes so blue, No mouth is fairer or sweater. The favored youth who gains the hand Of this fair girl will never regret it."

With modest grace she added: "And Don't you forget it!"

"Oh, thou dear mistress of my heart! My angel! Let me kneel before thee And say how heavenly sweet thou art, And how devoutly I adore thee." She turned away her lovely head, And, with a languid look that tried My soul, in murmured accents said, "You make me tired."

—Scriven's Magazine.

ALL THROUGH A POCKET-BOOK.

Toms and Joes lie stretched, boy-fashion, upon the rug before the fire, with a very disconsolate look upon the young faces the dancing flames lit up. It is a stormy night, and they are, therefore, disappointed of a promised treat to which for a week back they have been looking forward.

Suddenly the door opens and gives entrance to a tall, brisk figure.

"Boys, are you here? Poor fellows! it's too bad you are doomed to disappointment; but what say you to a story? Would it compensate in the least degree for the great animal show?"

Yes, they think it will; and, with a slight but decided change in both position and expression, they wait expectantly, confident of being interested, for they are no strangers to their brother-in-law's graphic stories. And he begins:

"It was a very cold day, and, as little Dick stood on the corner shivering in the keen blast which pierced relentlessly through his thin, ragged garments, he said, half aloud: 'Oh, dear! this world isn't much of a place. I wonder if it's warmer where mother is! I wish I was there!'

"Poor boy! A month ago death had robbed him of his only friend by taking away his mother, and since then he had lived as thousands do—everywhere—picking up what odd jobs he could in the daytime, and sleeping at night in any nook that offered him shelter. But work was not always to be found, and for the past two days his pocket had not held even a penny with which to buy bread, and the boy was almost famished. He walked on slowly, the tears running down his pinched face, when suddenly a great thrill ran all through his frame, for the moment bringing a warmth it had but rarely known. Could it be, or did his eyes deceive him?

There, right before him on the pavement, was a pocket-book!

"With a hasty glance backward the lad, with trembling fingers, lifted and opened his prize, and saw what seemed like incalculable riches to his timorous-tomed eyes—a roll of crisp bank-notes.

"Now I can get something to eat!" But something white attracted his notice; a card, and penciled upon it a name and address.

"Dick could read a little, and he easily picked out the written characters which proclaimed to whom the lost pocketbook belonged.

"For a moment the boy hesitated. It was his. He had found it. Had he not a right to it?

"But even as he thought conscience rose, and with a loud voice cried:

"'Not. As long as you know the owner's name it is not yours.'

"Just before she died his mother had said to him:

"Dick, my poor boy, I doubt not but that you may come to wear a torn, soiled coat, but there is no need that it should cover a soiled soul. Be true and honest, no matter what happens, and God will care for you."

"A choking sob rose in the boy's throat as he slowly turned.

"I will take it to the house that is on the card," he said softly; "but, oh, how hungry I am!"

"He thrust the pocket-book into the breast of his jacket, but not before it had been seen.

"So here, Dickey, old fellow, shell out! You've got a find, and you must go shares. Here, hand over that pocket-book."

"Dick looked up resolutely into the boyish faces of his accosters. They were bigger boys than he, but he was no coward."

"You can't have it," he said, "for it isn't mine; and I'm taking it where it belongs."

"You can't come that dodge over me. Here, hand it over, or you'll wish you had," and the taller of the two boys raised one hand to strike, while he made a snatch at Dick's jacket with the other.

"The thin cloth parted, and the object of dispute rolled upon the pavement.

"You young rowdy, what are you striking that little boy for?"

"The new-comer was a middle-aged, benevolent-faced man, and, as he spoke, he emphasized his words by grasping the rough boy's shoulder with no gentle hand.

"He's a thief; he's got my pocket-book," was the sullen reply, with a vain glance around for the companion, who had lost no time in putting a good distance between himself and the scene of the

"That he hasn't, I have been watching the whole occurrence from the

stoop just over the way. I saw this little lad find the pocket-book, read the card, and heard what passed between him and you. It is you who are the thief in intention, if not in actual deed; and now you had better go away quickly, and be thankful you are let off so easily."

"Then, taking Dick's hand, he looked pityingly into the pale face, all disfigured by his assailant's rude flat.

"Come with me, my little lad," he said. "It was my pocket-book which you found, and I am going to show you now that, no matter what comes, 'honesty is the best policy' to follow."

And Dick, going willingly, was led to a cozy home, where a sweet-faced woman with a babe in her arms came to the door to greet her husband with the same smile she might have worn when he was her lover. And there, in that home-nest, blessed by mutual respect and love, the poor orphan boy found a shelter. His benefactor was a physician, and there was many a way in which Dick's active hands and limbs could make themselves useful; and there he lived until the on-coming years brought with them a restless, ambitious longing for independence. Then, with tears in his eyes, he pressed the kind hands of his friends, and started out in the world to earn his own fortune.

"He went West, to that land where stout hands and hearts are so much needed and prized. Success does not come without labor, and Dick worked hard, and his exertions were rewarded. So he felt when, ten years later, he was able to invest in a safe business quite a little sum—the result of his own industry. Then, yielding to an irresistible impulse to return and look once more upon the faces of his benefactors, he turned his steps eastward.

"It was late in the evening when he alighted at the station and walked up the familiar street which led to his old home. But he found a disappointment awaiting him; the house was vacant, and a sign 'To let' was upon the door. He turned away, intending to inquire in the adjacent house, when a sudden alarm rang off upon the night air: 'Fire! Fire!'

At once the bells clang'd, and with the usual hue and cry men and boys trooped out to the rescue, and among them, catching their excitement, went the traveler. The fire was only some five blocks away, in a large handsome house, and it must have gained great headway before being discovered, for already the flames were licking the windows of the third story.

"It is Dr. L.—who lives here," some one says. "Yes, another answers; but he's away. He's my doctor, and he told me the other day that he was going into the country for a while with his family."

"The name acted like a shock of electricity upon one hearer in the crowd. Throwing off his coat, disregarding the cries that called him back, Dick rushed straight into the mass of smoke and flame which enveloped the office-door. With superhuman strength he forced it

open. All was dark inside, but with the lurid light which glared into the windows Dick saw a mattockous form in the chair before the desk, with his head sunk upon his breast, and his eyes closed. Seizing the inert figure in his strong arms, he dragged rather than carried it from the room into the hall, and from thence out into the open air.

A shout of horror greeted him.

"We rapped and called and no one answered, and so we thought it was true that he was away. He must have been suffocated before he could call for help. Poor man!"

"Leave me alone and attend to your duty," Dick said, briefly. "He isn't dead—his heart still beats. But make sure there is no other inmate in the house."

"There can't be. Don't you see the windows are all shut and barred?"

"The house was burned to ashes before the eyes of the people, and the imagination of surrounding tribes. He was not an inventor whose memory is kept green by the gratitude of those who daily enjoy the fruit of his genius. He was not a poet uttering men's best thoughts and deepest feelings for them in words more expressive than their own. He was not even a philosopher, or, if a philosopher, his philosophy was on the level of that of Benjamin Franklin. In short, no ordinary avenue to fame seems to have been open to him; and yet, if numbers go for anything, what fame rivals that of the man who, for twenty-three centuries, has been worshipped as all but divine by nearly one-half of the world, and whose words are regarded as canonical by a people compared to whose exclusive jealousy the Jewish exclusiveness is latitudinarian? The secret of his fame is mainly this: that he was the Chinaman of the Chinamen, the most conservative and ancestor-worshipping individual of the most conservative and ancestor-worshipping race. It was by his work that the national tendencies and popular instincts were recognized and definitely fixed. It was he who formulated the relations of ruler and subject. It was he who gave utterance to those maxims of personal conduct which the Chinese are justly proud of, though they do not scrupulously observe them. Especially it was he who gathered into Chincas canon all the wisdom which had been tested by previous generations; and so set the seal of completeness on Chinese life and customs, so far as this can be done by any man or by any books.

He happened to press the foot of a young lady, who was sitting next to the door, in getting out of a street car. The damsel, compressing her brow into an awe-inspiring frown, ejaculated: "You clumsy wretch!" Many men would have looked foolish and apologized, but Col. Fellows was equal to the occasion.

"My dear young lady," he exclaimed, "you should have felt large enough to be seen, and then, they wouldn't be trodden upon." Her brow relaxed, her eyes sparkled, her lips smiled, and the injury was forgotten.—*New York Herald.*

"Brother Richard," says Joe, looking up, "you are quite sure it's a true story?"

"Quite sure—for, my little man, that poor little boy Dick, grown to manhood now, tells you this story, and his benefactor, the good doctor, is no other than your own noble father, of whom you are so justly proud; while the daughter is

your sister Fan, who, twelve years ago just one year before you were born, made me one of the happiest of men."

"What's it a jolly story, Joe?" said Tom, when they were snugly ensconced under the sheets for the night. "Do you know, it proves one thing. I've always thought from what I've heard and read, and you know I've read a heap of books—that the fellows who begin way down always seem to get up the highest in the end."

—*SUCCESSFUL JOURNALISM.*

There is one editor who has achieved the feat of running a newspaper to suit everybody. Occasionally, to be sure, he has complaints, but he never fails to satisfy the complainers that they are in the wrong. It wasn't always so with him. He only adopted the system after he got desperate. It was one day after he had received seven complaints that he tried it.

"A man came in and said: 'Why in- topeth didn't you print the whole of the proceedings of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Hogs, instead of a brief abstract?' The editor replied: 'Oh, you made a speech that wasn't in the report, ol'?' Then he went around the counter: - The dust flew for a few moments, and then it became more quiet. The editor relaxed his grip on the man's throat sufficiently to let him speak, and then he said he guessed the article was all right, and he had only come to renew his subscription. He was up, paid the money and left, and as he went out he collided with a man who had an ugly glare in his eyes, and, dancing up to the editor, said:

"What d'y mean, sir? I pay for a sensible newspaper, and here I get a lot of stuff about cruelty to hogs. You ought to be put in jail for publishing such rot."

The editor went around the counter again, and again the dust flew and cried of: "Take away your teeth from my ear!" "Let go of my hair!" etc., were heard. It was full fire minutes before the editor could get the man's coat torn off and put him on the floor with his head in the scuttle. But he did it at last. Then he jumped high in the air and sat down upon the man's stomach, and the yell the man gave, echoing in the cool scuttle, sounded awful.

The editor was about to repeat the operation, but the man said: "We're not prolonging this agony. Your paper is the best in the world. It is all right. I'll take it for ten years in advance." Eight more visitors had the same experience. Then came one, the editor couldn't thrash. It was a woman.

"What d'y mean by publishing fashion articles from a 3-year-old magazine?" she asked. "I made a bonnet according to your directions, and it's three

years behind the style. Oh, you wretched! You mean, horrid, insignificant—oh-h-h!"

"My dear madam," he said, "you are right. I'm not fit to run a paper. I'll stop at once." (To a reporter.) "John, don't send up any more copy. Kill that article saying this lady was belle of the ball last night." "Stop!" she cried. "Your paper is household treasure. I don't care about the bon-

net, and come to ask you to our house to tea-night." Everybody leaves, satisfied with his paper.—*Boston Post.*

—*CONFUCIUS AND THE CHINESE.*

The Chinese are supposed to form about one-third of the population of the world, and there is some ground for believing that for the last 4,080 years they have had much the same numerical proportion to the entire human race.

It may be said that there is but one Dr. L.—who lives here," some one says. "Yes, another answers; but he's away. He's my doctor, and he told me the other day that he was going into the country for a while with his family."

The name acted like a shock of electricity upon one hearer in the crowd. Throwing off his coat, disregarding the cries that called him back, Dick rushed straight into the mass of smoke and flame which enveloped the office-door. With superhuman strength he forced it

open. All was dark inside, but with the lurid light which glared into the windows Dick saw a mattockous form in the chair before the desk, with his head sunk upon his breast, and his eyes closed. Seizing the inert figure in his strong arms, he dragged rather than carried it from the room into the hall, and from thence out into the open air.

A shout of horror greeted him.

"We rapped and called and no one answered, and so we thought it was true that he was away. He must have been suffocated before he could call for help. Poor man!"

"Leave me alone and attend to your duty," Dick said, briefly. "He isn't dead—his heart still beats. But make sure there is no other inmate in the house."

"There can't be. Don't you see the windows are all shut and barred?"

"The house was burned to ashes before the eyes of the people, and the imagination of surrounding tribes. He was not an inventor whose memory is kept green by the gratitude of those who daily enjoy the fruit of his genius. He was not a poet uttering men's best thoughts and deepest feelings for them in words more expressive than their own. He was not even a philosopher, or, if a philosopher, his philosophy was on the level of that of Benjamin Franklin. In short, no ordinary avenue to fame seems to have been open to him; and yet, if numbers go for anything, what fame rivals that of the man who, for twenty-three centuries, has been worshipped as all but divine by nearly one-half of the world, and whose words are regarded as canonical by a people compared to whose exclusive jealousy the Jewish exclusiveness is latitudinarian? The secret of his fame is mainly this: that he was the Chinaman of the Chinamen, the most conservative and ancestor-worshipping individual of the most conservative and ancestor-worshipping race. It was by his work that the national tendencies and popular instincts were recognized and definitely fixed. It was he who formulated the relations of ruler and subject. It was he who gave utterance to those maxims of personal conduct which the Chinese are justly proud of, though they do not scrupulously observe them. Especially it was he who gathered into Chincas canon all the wisdom which had been tested by previous generations; and so set the seal of completeness on Chinese life and customs, so far as this can be done by any man or by any books.

He happened to press the foot of a young lady, who was sitting next to the door, in getting out of a street car. The damsel, compressing her brow into an awe-inspiring frown, ejaculated: "You clumsy wretch!" Many men would have looked foolish and apologized, but Col. Fellows was equal to the occasion.

"My dear young lady," he exclaimed, "you should have felt large enough to be seen, and then, they wouldn't be trodden upon." Her brow relaxed, her eyes sparkled, her lips smiled, and the injury was forgotten.—*New York Herald.*

"Brother Richard," says Joe, looking up, "you are quite sure it's a true story?"

"Quite sure—for, my little man, that poor little boy Dick, grown to manhood now, tells you this story, and his benefactor, the good doctor, is no other than your own noble father, of whom you are so justly proud; while the daughter is

THE DREAD OF LIGHTNING.

Weak Nerves and Electricity.

[From the Hartford Times.]

The dread of thunder-storms, which is participated in by more than a fractional proportion of our population, is to them really a drawback to the complete enjoyment of the beauties of nature which unfold to the touch of spring and summer.

There is not much use to reason with these timid creatures. All the philosophy in the world spread out before them will certainly vanish when the lightning plays and the thunder rolls.

We have heard of cases in which the unnatural timidity of both men and women during thunder-storms appears silly and laughable. A prominent member of the legal fraternity in this city not only cannot sleep, but will walk the floor in agony until the storm is over.

There are women who will go into a dark room, shut their eyes and stuff cotton in their ears to keep out the sight and noise of the warning elements.

Others, believing in the efficacy of feathers, get between two feather beds and endure that kind of purgatory with a feeling of safety until the storm abates.

Still others will perch themselves in a high chair in the middle of a room and mathematically calculate the chances of

the electric fluid coming straight down through the roof, floors and plastering and hitting them bang on the head. Hair ringing by electricity is not desirable.

There are instances where ladies are completely upset and their nerves unstrung by the dread of thunder-storms, and when the clouds are marshaling their forces in the sky preparatory to an electrical display, such women take to their beds—not to seek the protection of feathers, but because they are sick.

One of those over-sensitive ladies who resided on Main street, in this city, was completely terrorized by the dread of

thunder-storms that she admitted that

there was no enjoyment for her in the summer months, and but little pleasure in the spring, because summer, with its thunder and lightning, was coming.

Finally some one told this lady that no human being had been killed at Hartford by lightning for 100 years. From this assertion she

NEWS IN BRIEF.

FOREIGN.

The present Ministry of England is determined on following the advice of the Indians in regard to Afghanistan, and the English troops have been ordered out of that country, "bag and baggage." That is to be the extreme frontier point. This "course" is to be adopted in spite of the remonstrances of the British military authorities and of the Indian Government.

M. Seguin, a Parisian correspondent, was killed by Arabs in Tunis Saturday. The murderers were arrested and court-martialed and were shot on the next Tuesday. Seguin was a man of considerable ability, and was author of a work entitled "The Next War," which attracted considerable attention in Germany.

John Sargent, an American, has been awarded one of the twelve second-class medals given by the Salons, juries of the Paris Art Exhibition for painting. No first-class medal was given for painting.

Lorillard's colt Iroquois has won the English Derby—an event of added importance from the fact that no American horse ever before obtained a place in the Derby—this is a micro-bagatelle compared with the enormous winnings of Mr. Lorillard in the betting books, his gains in this way being estimated at nearly \$21,000,000.

Sara Bernhardt is to take charge of the American photographic tent at a charity fair, which is shortly to be given in the Garden of the Tuilleries at Paris.

John McClellan, the tragedian and Billy Florence, the comedienne, backed their good opinion of Iroquois to the tune of \$85,500.

The Russian Government contemplates reducing the rents of peasants in the thirteen northern provinces of Russia.

During artillery practice at Grunenau, a fortified town in Western Prussia, a shell fell and burst in the midst of a party of artillerymen, killing three Captains and two gunners, and seriously wounding three other persons.

Sir Henry James, the English Attorney General, is said to have told the British Cabinet that in order to suppress the Land League they should imprison nearly the whole population of Ireland, and if they intend to put an end to resistance to eviction they must adopt the same extreme course. The news from Ireland tells of riots in every place where an eviction was attempted. In some cases the people have been successful; in others they have been beaten, some killed and numbers wounded.

The island seems to be turned into a military camp.

There seems to be a very large amount of money seeking investment in the English capital. A loan of \$10,000,000 was issued by the government of Cape Colony the other day in London, and it was subscribed three times over.

GENERAL.

Albert Vint, a shoemaker of Brooklyn, won the belt in the latest six days' pedestrian contest, making over 573 miles in six days, bettering all previous achievements by ten miles.

Attorney General MacVeagh has agents at work in various States, gathering evidence of star-route frauds, and does not expect to be ready for the Grand Jury before October.

An epidemic resembling the cholera broke out among the blooded hogs at the Michigan Agricultural College. Fourteen were specially swept away.

An operator of prominence in Wall street volunteers a statement of speculations in which Gen. Brady made over \$500,000.

Boston had a sensational piece of amusement last week. About 500 persons, representing the League of American Wheelmen, assembled in that city and paraded through the principal streets on bicycles.

Secretary Blaine has had a long conference with Sir Edward Thornton, the British Minister to Washington, in reference to the interests of American fishermen in Acapulco bay, and the claims growing out of them. Secretary Blaine claimed on behalf of the American fishermen \$103,000, and the result of the conference was that the British Minister, on the part of his Government, consented to pay \$15,000 (something over \$75,000) in gold coin, and the United States Government will give a receipt in full. The money will be distributed among the fishermen whose interests suffered, most of whom are residents of Gloucester, Mass.

The Presbyterian General Assembly, in session at Buffalo, N. Y., resolved to hold its next session at Springfield, Ill.

A strong shock of earthquake was experienced at various points in the province of Quebec a few days since.

The Court of Claims has decided adversely to the claim of the Union Pacific railroad against the Government for \$1,000,000 for carrying the United States mails. The Union Pacific wanted to charge the Government at the same rate which it charges for express matter, but the court decided against this view.

The number of immigrants who arrived at Castle Garden for the first five months of this year are: January, 18,028; February, 9,758; March, 27,708; April, 53,028; May, 75,812; total, 182,108. During the corresponding five months of 1880 there arrived at Castle Garden 153,338. The immigration for the month of May of this year is the largest for any one month in the history of the country, and is even larger than the immigration for either the years 1870 or 1871.

On the invitation of Secretary Wm. M. McFerrin, Sixth Auditor of the Treasury, and his Deputy, Lilley, have tendered their resignations. It is stated that Secretary Wm. W. Waddington, for the resignations acted on the request of Postmaster General James and Attorney-General MacVeagh, both of whom declared that it was necessary to put new men in McFerrin's and Lilley's places in order to complete the star-route investigations.

At a meeting of prominent citizens of Boston, a committee was appointed to consider the whole subject of a "World's Fair" for that city, its probable cost, its advantage to Boston, the time at which it should be held, and other important points.

The Postoffice Department has decided that samples of flour or other powdered substances are unmarketable unless put in cans and sealed so that particles cannot sift through. It is recommended that the bags containing the substance be enclosed in boxes or tubes of hardboard, or of metal with sliding plug or screw, and without sharp corners.

The Pennsylvania Senate rejected the bill providing for submitting a proportional amendment to a vote of the people.

Attorney General MacVeagh and Postmaster General James are making earnest efforts to secure evidence sufficient to insure the punishment of the star-route swindlers, and it is believed that Attorney General MacVeagh is now in possession of a great amount of important evidence, including photographic copies of ex-Senator Dorey's letters to his agent in extending the star-route, and also some of the originals, and is ready to bring the matter before the Grand Jury. It is not quite certain, however, that the Grand Jury investigation will be deferred until September. A Washington evening paper gives a list of those who will be present to the Grand Jury when the

Attorney General is ready, and which includes the names of ex-Deluge, R. B. Elkins, of New Mexico, ex-Congressman McElroy, of Missouri, ex-Auditor McGow, ex-Deputy Auditor Lillie, Brady, ex-Senator Dorey, French, Brady's Chief Clerk, and, perhaps, Richard McCormick, of Arizona.

PERSONAL.

The President has appointed Charles Kayser, of Indiana, Consul General of the United States in Prussia.

JAMES Wilson, ex-Congressman from New Hampshire, is dead.

The mother of Thomas Hughes (Tom Brown), now 80 years of age, is the guest of acquaintances in Cincinnati, whence she will proceed to the new colony at Rugby, Tenn.

The President will attend the graduating exercises of the Naval Academy at Annapolis this month, and the commencement exercises of his alma mater, Williams College, on the 4th, 6th and 8th of July.

Hugh G. Anderson, at one time Governor of Maine, and who once represented one of the districts of that State in Congress, died recently in his 93d year.

Gen. Grant and Capt. Eads have arrived at New Orleans from Mexico. The ex-President reports that his mission was highly successful.

He thinks that Conkling is being badly treated, but will not interfere in the matter.

D. S. Alexander, of Indianapolis, was appointed Fifth Auditor of the Treasury Department, vice Mr. Elia, who has been appointed in place of Mr. McCreary as Sixth Auditor.

ADDISON BROWN, of New York, has been nominated for United States Judge of the Southern district of New York, vice Judge Cudace, resigned.

FINANCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL.

The first crate of this season's Georgia peaches has just been shipped from Marion, Ga., for New York. The crop in the State for this season is estimated at 60,000 bushels.

There were issued during the month of May \$3,942,670 worth of national bank notes, and there were surrendered and destroyed \$1,745,919. The net increase of national bank note circulation for the year ending May 30 has been \$20,216,350.

The Pennsylvania coal companies have entered into a combination against their workmen and the public generally. They have, in order to advance prices, determined to limit the supply, and for some months to come the miners will be permitted to work only on alternate weeks. Prices will be advanced 10 per cent on all classes of coal.

Following is the public debt statement issued June 1:

Six per cent bonds.....	\$ 190,758,000
Five per cent bonds.....	189,341,350
Four per cent bonds.....	178,022,750
Retiring certificates.....	691,850
Navy pension fund.....	14,000,000

Total interest-bearing debt.....	\$1,039,507,750
Matured debt.....	10,000,000
Less interest paid.....	9,990,000
Certificate of deposit.....	10,893,000
Fractional currency.....	71,109,102
Gold and silver certificates.....	56,684,000

Total without interest.....	421,390,593
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Total debt.....	2,071,551,324
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Total interest.....	17,833,705
Cash in treasury.....	230,493,083

Deficit less cash in treasury.....	\$1,832,931,071
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Decrease during May.....	11,150,721
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Increase since June 30, 1880.....	89,259,323
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Interest due and unpaid.....	\$ 2,411,041
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Debt on which interest has ceased.....	10,000,000
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Interest thereon.....	737,233
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Interest accrued.....	55,083,330
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Held in United States notes held for redemption.....	10,863,000
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Cash balance available June 1, 1881.....	151,161,859
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Total.....	233,493,083
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Available assets.....	230,493,083
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Cash in treasury.....	230,493,083
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Bonds issued to Frac-trolley companies, interest payable at lawfully issued date.....	14,025,513
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Interest paid on United States bonds.....	9,028,366
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Interest repaid by companies.....	1,000,000
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Interest repaid by transportation of mail.....	14,256,338
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By cash payments of a per cent of net earnings.....	655,198
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THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 1881.

The Fourth of July at Otsego
Lake.

Arrangements are still being perfected for a grand celebration at Otsego Lake; G. A. Hough's dramatic company of Detroit, have been engaged to give two entertainments, the first however on Saturday evening preceding the Fourth, and one on Monday evening July 4th. The company is well known throughout the State and the people may calculate on something from them that will be worth their while to attend, and it is hoped that there will be a general attendance as indeed the outlay to secure them is by no means a small one. On Monday the usual forenoon exercises will be engaged in, while the afternoon will be entirely occupied with boat-racing, sports, games, etc., such as cannot fail to interest and entertain. The committee on sports and games are alive to their duties, and have assured us that a full programme will be arranged. Mr. Manning, the chairman of the committee, has probably had as much experience at boat-racing as any man in Michigan. The train will run between Taylor and Grayling both morning and night to accommodate all who may wish to attend. —[Otsego Herald.]

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ent. You know he said he had put in 6 acres of corn, 4 of potatoes, and a good sized garden. Now, he was just

4 miles from home during the whole process of putting in those crops. I with the help of my two little boys, on 11 years old, the other 9, put in those crops, and if we raise good corn and potatoes we want to tell you how we did it, as we have used several kinds of fertilizers, and if your correspondents succeed in getting up a farmers' club we want to be there and let them know which we think is the best. —A FARMER'S WIFE.

NEW STORE!

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Invites the attention of the LADIES of Grayling and vicinity seeking economical investment for

their money to inspect her **SELECT** and

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Rooms first door North of

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There is now in Grayling one of the best select-
ed and most complete Stock of Drugs, Chemicals, Patent Medicines, Dyes, Hair Oils and fine Perfumery, to be

FOUND in any of the towns North of Bay City.

There also is kept a full Stock of chemically pure White Lead, as also Paints ready mixed for the brush; Boiled and Raw Oils, Varnishes, Potty, and a full line of Colors ground in oil.

Also a full stock of Kalsomining, White-washing, Paint, Scrub, Stove, HAIR, Nail, and Tooth Brushes.

There is also Letter, Cap, and Legal papers, Mourning paper, Boxed paper, and Envelopes in almost endless variety, together with Schoolbooks, Blank BOOKS, and Miscellaneous Literature.

I have lately added a stock of FURNITURE, consisting of Bureaus, Washstands, Bedsteads, Cradles, Mattresses, and Springs, Centre, Extension, and Fall Leaf Tables, Rocking chairs, Armchairs, High chairs, Sewing chairs, and chairs of all kinds and descriptions. Picture Frames and Brackets.

HAT and Towel Racks.

I have also on hand a nice assortment of CLOCKS, SILVER-PLATED ware, Jewelry and Spectacles.

I have made arrangements whereby I can offer Township, School, and Legal blanks of all kinds, at publishers'

PRICES.

I have also a stock of the Dauntless and New Home SEWING MACHINES which are the best Machines in the market, which will do the rest of my goods, have been BOUGHT FOR CASH, and will be sold as CHEAP as in any

OTHER market in the State.

To any one in want of goods in my line, I say, come and examine and see if these things are not so.

N. H. TEAVER.

Cover, June 9, 1881.

Editor Avalanche.—Noticing in the last three issues of your paper items from South Branch, Grove and Grayling in regard to the propriety of organizing a farmers' club, and being interested in the welfare and development of our newly settled count

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will be happy to express concurrence with the idea. But to organize and make it useful we must act as well as talk. Instead of allowing our land to grow up to weeds and wild grass, let us investigate and try different experiments, although it be on a small scale. Let every farmer awake to a new interest in farming amid the discouragements of our thin and sandy soil, and success will be sure.

O. J. BELL.

MAPLE FOREST, June 6, 1881.

Editor Avalanche:—I am pleased to see that the enterprising farmers of South Branch are interested in organizing a farmers' club in this county. The subject has been discussed, in this vicinity some time, and we believe that such an organization on right principles would greatly help the farmers of this county. We find in the southern part of the State, Oakland, Genesee and Lapeer counties, the farmers claim to derive great benefit from their club meetings, and that they draw forth a more social and united effort to experiment satisfactorily different modes of farming, and of crops, etc. I believe that just what we need in order to have good productive farms here is intelligent cultivation of the land, that adapted to the soil and climate. And the time has come when those interested in farming should unite and put forth a strong effort to accomplish

what we are all striving for: good farms in Crawford county.

G. F. OWEN.

SOUTH BRANCH, June 4, 1881.

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